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TOPIC Arrival of Soviet Troops in the Temple Training Area

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REMARKS

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1. On 14 April 1951, Soviet troops began arriving at Templin (H 54/U 81) training area. Four troop trains were unloaded at Vogelsang railroad station that day. Among the equipment unloaded there were 48 JS-2 tanks and 2 trucks, [redacted] which subsequently moved to Camp Vogelsang. Truck [redacted] shuttled between the railroad station and the camp, hauling ammunition to the camp. 50X1-HUM
2. Three trains arrived at Zehdenick station on 16 April. The first train carried 9 armored scout cars, 1 jeep, and 18 trucks [redacted] with billeting equipment. The second train carried 12 trucks [redacted] with tools and motor vehicle spare parts, probably belonging to a maintenance unit. The third train carried 11 trucks [redacted] loaded with furniture and ammunition. The vehicles from the first and second train moved to Camp Vogelsang, while those from the third train moved to Camp Burgwall. 50X1-HUM
3. Two trains arrived at the Zehdenick railroad station on 17 April. The first train carried 12 trucks [redacted] each with 10 soldiers wearing artillery insignia, and trucks [redacted] loaded with ammunition. The second train carried 14 trucks, including [redacted] each with soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The vehicles from the first train moved to Camp Burgwall, while those from the second train moved to Camp Vogelsang. 50X1-HUM
4. On 17 April, troops with materiel [redacted] 38 T-34 tanks, jeep [redacted] trucks [redacted] arrived aboard two trains at the Vogelsang railroad station and moved to Camp Vogelsang. The troops seen on the vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 50X1-HUM
5. On 17 April, two troop trains arrived at the Templin railroad station. The first train carried 20 trucks loaded with household goods and ammunition, [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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16 heavy tanks, apparently JS-2 models, 1 armored scout car,
2 motorcycles, and 8 trucks

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6. Tank trucks [redacted] hauled gasoline to Camp Vogelsang from 24 railroad tank cars at the Zehdenick railroad station on 17 April. Motor vehicles entering Camp Vogelsang from the direction of Zehdenick included vehicles [redacted]

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and trucks [redacted] each towing a ZIS-3 AT gun with muzzle brake.

7. In contrast to the heavy traffic on the preceding days, there was a lull in road traffic until 5 p.m. on 18 April. Only a sedan carrying one Soviet and three American officers was seen moving from the direction of Oranienburg toward Templin at about 1:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., Soviet military road movements were resumed. A convoy of 17 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] each towing an artillery piece of 100 to 120 mm, and motor vehicles [redacted] entered Camp Vogelsang. 50X1-HUM

8. At about 1 a.m. on 19 April, 18 SP guns, apparently SU-249 models, were observed near Doelln-Krug, about 18 km east of Zehdenick. They broke up into small groups, driving separately toward the camp. Source observed a group of six such guns entering Camp Vogelsang. A convoy of six trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] loaded with furniture and another convoy of eight trucks, [redacted] each towing a ZIS-3 AT gun entered Camp Vogelsang at about 6 a.m. As in 1950, a makeshift loading ramp had again been constructed at the Vogelsang railroad station. *

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- * Comment. [redacted] the Soviet troops who started arriving in the Templin training area on 14 April were mostly elements of the 25th Tank Div and some component units of the 6th Gds Lecz Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army. Since the 13 troop trains which source observed arriving at the Vogelsang, Zehdenick, and Templin railroad stations between 14 and 17 April, also carried household goods, it appears that the troops will stay at the troop training grounds for a long period of training. The report indicates that the troops moved only into Camps Vogelsang and Burgwall.

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